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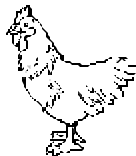
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was at least steady in the East, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited ad activity. Food service was light to moderate, best where fast food specials were active. Supplies of heavier weights were well balanced in the East with some premiums, but ample in the West; smaller sizes were adequate. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were in the best balance, at time closely cleared for bone-in. Dark meat was fully sufficient, and wings were in the longest position with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 62.50 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 65.00 cents last year on October 31, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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LINE RUN TENDERS	170.50
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BREASTS - B/S	131.50
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BREASTS - WHOLE	65.50
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THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00
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LEG QUARTERS	18.50
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WINGS	46.50
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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow to fair, best for fast food promotions and retail ads, with hopes that first of the month will improve interest. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was light. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still available, and the remaining items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and larger birds were in good balance. The 2.5 pound sizes were available. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was at least steady on the 3 pound and heavier sizes, no better than steady on the lighter weights. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely cleared. Boneless skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were burdensome.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was mostly steady. Offers were adequate on heavy whole fryers and WOGS and limited on smaller sized product. Fill in trading into Chicago at 40 cents on various sized WOGS. Retail demand continues slow best into limited feature activity. Features in Chicago reported at 29 cents on leg quarters and 69 cents on wings. Food service demand light to moderate, best into areas where fast food promotion is a factor. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Weights were in a full range, light to heavy. Supplies of wings and leg items adequate to fully adequate, breast items adequate. Trade sentiment steady on breast items, cautiously steady on leg items and barely steady to weak on wings.

WESTERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings were easily adequate with product over 3 pounds in the longest position. Buying interest was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to good best where features in progress, particularly on parts. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady on parts with white meat items noted in the weakest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 10/26/02	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	181,194	186,671	-03
CHICKS PLACED	156,659	165,891	-06

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 181 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 26, 2002. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 2002. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 26, 2002 were 7.23 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 7-Dec-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 142.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.32 CENTS PER POUND.

OCTOBER 29

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 30

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	910	113.00-189.00	120-124	123.70
TENDERLOINS	126	107.00-165.00	107-110	121.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	67.00-75.00	70-72	73.97
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.27
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,450	16.00-24.00	19	19.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	42.00-50.00	47-48	47.58
WINGS (CUT)	454	53.00-62.00	53-55	55.88
DRUMSTICKS	68	33.00-50.00	-	35.24
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
OCTOBER 29, 2002 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
32.75 - 35.50	33.68

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	945	113.00-189.00	120-126	123.38
TENDERLOINS	167	107.00-180.00	107-110	121.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	68.00-75.00	70-72	72.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	114	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,288	16.00-24.00	18-19	19.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	42.00-49.00	46-48	47.64
WINGS (CUT)	415	53.00-62.00	53-55	55.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	55	51.00-60.00	-	54.27

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
OCTOBER 30, 2002 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.50 - 37.00	34.65	33.73

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Midweek trucklot buying activity was cautious and unaggressive as purchases continued to center around normally committed product. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in good balance. Boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings remained burdensome. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was at least steady on bone-in breasts, barely steady on wings and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OCT 29 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	124.26	506,530
TENDERLOINS	105	107.11	143,150
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.42	211,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	63.13	162,680
LEGS	31-32	32.91	136,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.92	623,545
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	21.99	207,290
THIGHS	20-21	27.76	67,230
B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.51	133,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	49.10	172,820
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	39,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.40	16,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.24	23,610

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	10/30	10/29	10/28	10/25	10/28	10/25	10/23	10/21
ALA	3,949	4,120	4,067	4,235	5.24	5.04	3,995	5.22
ARK	5,340	5,331	5,351	4,990	5.03	4.81	5,218	5.26
DELMARVA	2,394	2,361	2,300	2,300	5.30	5.16	2,419	5.27
KY-LA-TN	1,979	2,001	1,997	1,982	4.74	4.59	1,974	4.80
MISS	2,870	2,956	2,974	2,547	5.40	5.33	2,847	5.44
NC	2,660	2,654	2,179	2,659	6.33	6.10	2,598	6.24
TEXAS	2,203	2,222	2,089	2,468	4.91	4.68	2,452	4.97
TOTAL	21,395	21,645	20,957	21,133	5.25	5.08	21,503	5.31
MON-WED 64,304(A)	64,310(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Oct 02 and is estimated to be 32,009,000 down 0.80 percent from a week ago and up 4.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,267,000; last year 30,634,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	88-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 92-98
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02 NOV-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/02/02 (1)	10/26/02
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	160,211(2)	165,303
LT HENS	1,848	2,003
HVY HENS	1,592	1,584
CHECK TOTAL	163,651	168,890

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Nov-02 is 156.2 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.5 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Nov-02 the estimated available is 155.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 28-OCT-02	185,331	82,290
AM 01-OCT-02	187,932	74,844
CHG	-2,601	7,446
PCT CHG	-1	10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/28/02	10/21/02	10/29/01	10/28/02	10/21/02	10/29/01
PACIFIC COAST	15,040	23,219	18,918	10,220	6,540	3,378
LOS ANGELES	856	1,450	1,703	4,209	4,224	1,598

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-61
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 10/29/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.80	.57
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.35	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	.65	.70	.68
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.25	.81
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.55	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.00	.81
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.10	.82
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 174

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 25, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
RAYON				
Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	18.21
High	59.20	136.61	81.96	22.77
Mostly	54.64	136.61	81.96	18.21

SAN JUAN

Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	13.66	18.21	45.54
High	58.29	136.61	81.96	22.77	22.77	45.54
Mostly	54.64	127.50	72.86	13.66	22.77	45.54

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	13.66	18.21	47.81
High	59.20	136.61	81.96	22.77	22.77	47.81
Mostly	54.64	127.50	72.86	18.21	18.21	47.81

BECERRA

Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	18.21	18.21	50.09
High	59.20	136.61	81.96	22.77	22.77	50.09
Mostly	54.64	136.61	81.96	22.77	18.21	50.09

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate. Breast items were generally noted as in best balance, Leg cuts were fully sufficient. Wings remained in heaviest balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED	
	U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	44-61	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.34	
NO. OF BOXES	7,669	

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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